

ABSTRACT

The present invention relates to a system and method of communicating operating capabilities in a telecommunication network or networks. The present invention stems from the realisation that mobile telecommunication network resources can be utilised with greater efficiency by maintaining mobile station attributes or operating capabilities at a network node associated with the mobile station. Preferably, the network node is a Visitor Location Register VLR. Additionally, the network node may be a Home Location Register HLR, a Mobile Switching Centre MSC or a Gateway Mobile Switching Centre GMSC. In particular, the invention may provide the creation of a list of operating capabilities at a network node upstream from the mobile station. Having done this, a comparison of this list with another list received from a remote telecommunication element to negotiate operating capabilities at a call set up is achieved without involving communication resources between the mobile station and the network node.

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